GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIVISION OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some organizations have demanded for division of Jammu and Kashmir into three parts;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) response of the Government to the problems of the J&K?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Some voices have been raised by individuals/organizations in this regard. However no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(d): The Government conjointly with the State Government of J&K, is continuing to pursue a multi-pronged strategy to bring peace and normalcy in the State. The three major prongs of the strategy are
(i) proactive tackling of cross border terrorism within J&K;
(ii) accelerated economic development of the State,
(iii) being prepared to talk with any group of people within the State who eschew the path of violence. Necessary refinements in the above strategy continue to be made as per requirements from time to time.